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President: Mr. Essy ..... (Côte d'Ivoire)

In the absence of the President, Ms. Arystanbekova (Kazakhstan), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

Introduction of reports of the Fifth Committee

The President: This morning, the General Assembly will consider the reports of the Fifth Committee on agenda items 17 (b) and 124.

I request the Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Larbi Djacta of Algeria, to introduce the reports of the Fifth Committee in one intervention.

Mr. Djacta (Algeria), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee *(interpretation from French)*: I have the honour of introducing two reports of the Fifth Committee: the first one on agenda item 124, "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique"; the second on sub-item (b) — "Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions" — of agenda item 17, "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments".

With regard to agenda item 124, part II of the Fifth Committee's report is to be found in document A/49/817/Add.1, in which the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution which appears in paragraph 5 of that report and which is entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique". The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

Part II of the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 17 (b), "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions", is contained in document A/49/657/Add.1. Members will recall that in his note contained in document A/49/102/Add.1 the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly of the resignation of a member of the Committee on Contributions and stated that the Assembly was required to appoint someone to fill the unexpired portion of her term of office.

In paragraph 4 of its report the Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly, by acclamation, that it appoint Mr. Enrique Moret Echeverría of Cuba as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on the date on which the General Assembly makes the appointment and ending on 31 December 1995.

The President: If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee that are before it today.

It was so decided.

The President: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote or position.

The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Fifth Committee have been made

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clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401 the Assembly agreed that

> "When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee".

May I also remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Fifth Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we are going to take decisions in the same manner as in the Committee.

Agenda item 17 (*continued*)

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (Part II) (A/49/657/Add.1)

The President: In paragraph 4 of its report, the Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should appoint Mr. Enrique Moret Echeverría as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 10 March 1995 and ending on 31 December 1995.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to appoint Mr. Moret Echeverría?

It was so decided.

The President: We have thus concluded our consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 17.

Agenda item 124 (*continued*)

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique: report of the Fifth Committee (Part II) (A/49/817/Add.1)

The President: The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report.

The draft resolution was adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly too wishes to adopt the draft resolution?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 49/235).

The President: We have thus concluded this stage of our consideration of agenda item 124.

Programme of work

The President: I should like to inform representatives that with regard to "An Agenda for Peace", an issue the Assembly discussed at a previous session under agenda item 10, "Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization", a number of delegations have approached the President of the General Assembly to request that an informal open-ended working group of the Assembly be convened to consider the "Supplement to An Agenda for Peace" (A/50/60). The President of the General Assembly, bearing in mind those requests and also bearing in mind the statement by the President of the Security Council that appears in document S/PRST/1995/9, intends to convene, as soon as possible, an informal open-ended working group in order to consider the Supplement.

Members will recall that at the forty-seventh session the Permanent Representative of Egypt, Ambassador Nabil Elaraby, and the Permanent Representative of Spain, Ambassador Juan Antonio Yañez Barnuevo, were designated Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the informal open-ended working group on "An Agenda for Peace". The President of the Assembly has requested the Permanent Representative of Egypt and the Permanent Representative of Spain to serve again in those capacities and to arrange, on his behalf, for meetings of the working group to begin as soon as possible during the current session. The date of the first meeting will be announced in due course.

The meeting rose at 10.50 a.m.